

NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENINGS

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening whenever an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking. Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process.

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

1. **Title and its heading:** 9, Health Services
Chapter and its heading: 6, Department of Health Services - Communicable Diseases
Article and its heading: 7, Vaccine Preventable Diseases
Section numbers: R9-6-701, and Tables 1 and 2
2. **The subject matter of the proposed rule:**
R9-6-701, Required Immunization for School Attendance, delineates the diseases for which children must be immunized before entering a public, private, or parochial school, preschool, or other institution providing instructional or custodial care to children. Currently, the Hepatitis B series and a 2nd Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) immunization are required for pupils up through the 1st grade. The proposed amendment to R9-6-701, and Table 1 and 2, would add adolescents entering 7th grade to the requirement, starting in school year 2000, and would phase in 1 birth cohort a year, until all elementary school pupils in grades kindergarten through 12th grade are required to be immunized with the Hepatitis B series and a 2nd MMR immunization, including those pupils entering from other states or countries. The rule will phase in immunizations as follows: by September 1, 2000, all students in grades K-2 and 7th grade shall comply. By September 1, 2001, all students in K-3 and 7th-8th grades shall comply. By September 1, 2002, all students in K-4 and 7th-9th grades shall comply. By September 1, 2003, all students in K-5 and 7th-10th grades shall comply. By September 1, 2004, all students in K-11th grades shall comply. By September 1, 2005, all students in K-12th grades shall comply.

The Agency docket number:
RD-112-97
3. **A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**
None published.
4. **The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
Name: Kathy Fredrickson, Office Chief
Address: Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Control Services
Arizona Immunization Program Office
3815 North Black Canyon Highway
Phoenix, Arizona 85015

Telephone: (602) 230-5852
Fax: (602) 230-5817
5. **The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
The Department will accept written comments until the close of record, which has not yet been determined. The Department has not scheduled any oral proceedings at this time.
6. **A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the proceeding, if known:**
None.